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The Honorable Ellen Engleman Conners
Chairman
National Transportation Safety Board
490 L'Enfant Plaza East, SW
Washington, DC 20594

Dear Chairman Engleman Conners:

This letter is the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) initial response to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Safety Recommendations P-04-07 and P-04-08, resulting from the accident at the Glen Pool Tank Farm. RSPA agrees with the NTSB on both of these important safety recommendations and will begin working to implement them immediately.

In P-04-07, NTSB recommends that RSPA revise the emergency response planning requirements in the pipeline safety regulations to include coordination with electric and other utilities that may need to respond to a pipeline emergency. An action plan is being established to change the regulations.

In P-04-08, NTSB recommends that RSPA issue an advisory bulletin to liquid pipeline operators to validate the accuracy of their tank strapping tables. We expect to publish an advisory bulletin in February 2005.

RSPA requests that these recommendations be classified as "OPEN -Acceptable Response" while we complete the actions above.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact me or James Wiggins, Director of Policy and Program Support, at (202) 366-4831.

Sincerely,

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